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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR: CLUSTERING DISK CONTROLLER, ITS DISK
CONTROL UNIT AND LOAD BALANCING
METHOD OF THE UNIT

Enclosed are:

☒ 26 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.

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☐ Applicant requests non-publication.

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